

T H E T O W N O F



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MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor John Gaedke, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of February 6, 2013. Motion by Gaedke to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Gaedke. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, Laura Olah from Citizens for Safe Water (CSWAB) appeared. Olah reported there is a public comment period regarding the settling ponds that ends at the ends soon. The DNR issued a preliminary determination and CSWAB finds the remedy better than the alternatives. They did find that excavation occurred without permits because it was in a wetland. The permits will be in place in the future. They think the level of cleanup could be better. The health risk assessment does not have an analysis point for people who want to do restoration work or similar activities on the property. Olah also said the Dept. of Health does not agree with the DNR standards. The DNR plans to use this area for a rifle range in the future as one of the possible options. She has fact sheets from the open house the DNR hosted regarding the settling ponds. She asked about the municipal water legal process and hopes that everyone gets a vote. McCumber stated at under statute, if there were a way to have an election, a majority of the property owners are not residents and would not be eligible to vote. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, the town received a notice from WI Dept. of Transportation regarding a SW Region Park & Ride Study Meeting on March 20, 2013 in the Wisconsin Dells; a letter from Construction Business Group's Wage & Hour Investigator re: Prevailing Wage Law; and a request from Oak Hill Cemetery Association for 2014 funding. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, McCumber reported the Non-Partisan Spring Election and Food Drive is on April 2, 2013 and a citizen committee is forming to look into the creation of the Lake Wisconsin School District with the Towns of Caledonia & Merrimac and the Village of Merrimac. There is no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board discussed the town's annual Spring Clean Up date which will be May 18th from 8am – 1pm. Peetz will call to arrange the dumpsters. No additional action required as a budget item. The board then considered a statement of resolution between the US Army and the Town of Merrimac. Mike Sitton from the US Army reported on the town's requested action items. Based on this, Peetz moved to approve the statement, second by Frosch. Motion passed. McCumber will sign and forward to the Army.

The board then adjourned to closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation with Devil's Head Resort. The board reconvened into open session and no action was taken on the closed session item.

Motion by Frosch to adjourn. Second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Town Officers: Steve Peetz, Chair, (608) 225-3110; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (**please, no calls at residence except for emergencies**). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: townmerr@merr.com. Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations (tnadmin@merr.com). Town website: <http://www.tn.merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.